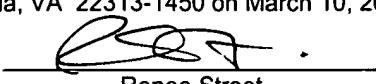


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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 12, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**An Appendix** containing Data Sheets for Affinity 1880 polymer is attached following page 10 of this paper.